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Cultural Center Calendar February 1995



Storyteller
Patricia Bulitt
Sat. • Feb. 11
10:30 am
(see children's
program info below)

DOM - SUN

LUN - MON

MAR - TUE

MIER - WED

JUEV-THURS

VIER - FRI

SAB - SAT

1 VIDEO/UPDATE
Cuba Update
Featuring Cuban video on the First World Conference in Solidarity with Cuba, Nov. 1994. Also, Dr. Richard Quint will report on Peace for Cuba's recent \$2 million shipment of insulin to Cuba, and show new video *Cuba's Health: A Right Worth Defending*. Spon. by Int'l Peace for Cuba Appeal
7:30 pm \$3-5 sliding scale*

2 POETRY & MUSIC
The International Black Writers & Artists
Celebrate Black History Month and our work to end a 500-year cycle of oppression for people of color in America, and hopes for the birth of a new age of freedom and enlightenment. Poetry, music, performance art, and open mic. Sign up for open mic at 7pm. Program in café lobby. 7:15 pm Donation

3 CONCERT
Haunted by Waters is a group of five musicians who brings together various talents to create a new dimension in contemporary music. They create lush vocals and rich melodies against a primal and infectious rhythmic background which includes Middle Eastern, African, and Celtic rhythms. Haunted by Waters produces an evocative and hypnotic sound. 8 pm \$8

4 Saturday Morning Kids Show (see lower left)

DANCE!

RITMO Y ARMONIA
Great Afro-Cuban dance music featuring Roberto Borrell & Fito Reynoso
9:30 pm \$8

8 DIRECT FROM CHILE
Jorge Torres in Boleros: Fortunes and Misfortunes of a Profane and Countryless Songstyle
A talk and recital by writer/poet/theater director/singer **Jorge Torres** about this 110 year old popular Latin American musical style. The *bolero* is "one of the popular manifestations that, with the *tango*, has survived the attacks of foreign rhythmic influences." Program in Spanish (see back for details) 8 pm \$7

9 VIDEO
The Color of Fear by Lee Mun Wah
This film deals with the pain racism has caused in the lives of eight North American men of Asian, European, Latino, and African descent. Proceeds to benefit the Filipino American Experience Educational Project.
7 pm \$10-15 sliding scale*

10 THEATER/COMEDY
Rick Najera in The Pain of the Macho
Los Angeles-based writer/actor Rick Najera, one of the most innovative and provocative Latino humorists in the country, stars in his one-man show featuring a series of characters in ten sketches ripe with social satire and wit. Don't miss this rare Bay Area appearance!
8 pm \$7 adv./\$8 day of show \$6 w/ std ID

11 Saturday Morning Kids Show (see lower left)

DANCE!

THE WEST AFRICAN HIGHLIFE BAND
"Right up there with Thomas Mapfumo or the Mahotella Queens" - Alastair Johnston, critic
9:30 pm \$8

5 BENEFIT CELEBRATION
Celebrate African/Asian Unity!
Benefit to raise funds for a CD ROM educational project entitled "The Filipino American Experience." Music by **Ben Luis** and the **World Express**, featuring **Joseph "Flip" Nuñez**, **Melecio Magduluyo**, **Nito Medina** and **Ted Strong**, plus African and Asian poets, dancers, singers and drummers.
7 pm \$10-15 sliding scale* (also see Feb. 9 program)



12 POETRY
Raymond Johnson: My Life in Poetry at Home and on the Road
A compilation of works by several noted Bay Area performers: **Akilah Kamau**, author of *How Can I Believe in the Rainbow?*; **Marijo**, storyteller; **Shakiri**, actress and director of *Rootworkers*. Sponsored by Raymond Johnson Dance Co.-Raymond and Friends. 7 pm \$8*

Many Thanks!
La Peña gratefully acknowledges funding support for our programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission; Berkeley Civic Arts Commission; California Arts Council, a state agency; National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency that supports the visual, literary and performing arts to benefit all Americans; San Francisco Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund, and our hundreds of generous donors and dozens of volunteers.

15 SLIDESHOW UPDATE
Women's 1994 Journey to Guatemala and Nicaragua
Slide show and stories of interchanges with women's groups, union organizers, peace brigades, and popular education groups. The No. California CAPACITAR delegation shared knowledge of Tai Chi, Pal Dan Gum, bodywork, and massage. Benefit for CAPACITAR and Mujeres Unidas. Call 843-0548 for more info. 7:30 pm \$3-10 *

16 CONCERT
PagmaMahal
A Concert to Celebrate Love
Featuring Day and Eve Arellano of Mahal performing ethno-fusion music. With special guest artists.
7:30 pm \$7 adv./\$9 day of show (adv. tix available at La Tienda thru 2/15 - special \$4 admission for children 12 years and under)

17 DIRECT FROM MEXICO
José Hugo Sánchez and Olga Margarita Dávila in the Bay Area premier of **The Other Mexico: Global Culture vs. Hybridization** A Portrait of Mexican Society. How the U.S., NAFTA, Prop. 187, the devaluation of the peso and Chiapas are crafting a country within a country. From the eyes of these renowned performance artists: the dreams and nightmares of a people in their search for a new Mexico.
8 pm \$8 adv./\$9 day of show

18 Saturday Morning Kids Show (see lower left)
CONCERT
Canadian singer/songwriter **Jennifer Berezan** performs new songs from her upcoming album. Her songs are a wonderful combination of political insight and lyrical prowess. Jennifer will be accompanied by guitarist **Nina Gerber**, percussionist **Michaelle Goerlitz** and vocalist **Anthony Costello**. 8 pm \$10 Adv. tix at La Tienda thru 2/17

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La Peña presents
Open Mic Poetry & Prose
in café lobby
7-9 pm
suggested donation \$2

20 President's Day
Our offices will be closed today.

General and Ticket Information
For programs that indicate that advance tickets are available, you may purchase those tickets at our store, La Tienda, up to one day prior to the performance. We do not accept charges by phone. You may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we will send you the tickets.
Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. During concerts, we ask that you not leave or enter the hall while the performance is in progress. Also, since La Peña is located in a residential neighborhood, please exist the building quietly so as not to disturb our neighbors.
Thank You

23 CONCERT
Earth First! presents
Georgia guitar picker and singer of "true stories" **Robert Hoyt** on his West Coast tour. Robert, with a singing voice that is electric, lyrics that are biting and sometimes humorous, has been called "an old fashioned protest singer." Join Earth First! activists for an evening of music and fun that will include information about upcoming direct actions.
7:30 pm \$4-8 sliding scale*

24 FLAMENCO BENEFIT
Flamenco singers, dancers, and guitarists **Candela, Benjamin Flores, Cedro Matyola, Iris Molina, Gina Shepard, Christina Vega, and Alicia** and **Roberto Zamora** perform the music and dance of the Spanish gypsies to benefit a clinic for the poor in Guatemala City.
8:30 pm \$12 * Adv. tix at La Tienda thru 2/23

25 Saturday Morning Kids Show (see lower left)
DANCE!
Afro-Cuban music with **CONJUNTO CÉSPEDES**
Featuring some of their hot new compositions from their upcoming recording
9:30 pm \$12

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in café lobby
7-9 pm
suggested donation \$2

27
Express Yourself!
Free and fee classes in Latin American music and dance for adults and children Mondays-Saturdays. See back of calendar for complete class listings.



Mahal • Feb. 16 • 7:30 pm

Saturday Morning Children's Programs

All programs begin at 10:30 am
\$3 adults/\$2 kids

Feb. 4: Los Amiguitos de la Peña present storyteller **Awele Makeba** who specializes in African folktales, plantation tales and stories from other cultures.

Feb. 11: Los Amiguitos present storyteller **Patricia Bulitt** with her new piece "The Mother of Mukluk Seal Mask Dance" and other stories.

Feb. 18: Plum City Players Children's Program featuring **Bonnie Lockhart**, **Annie Hershey** and **Nancy Schimmel**.

Feb. 25: Los Amiguitos present **Linda Zittel** and **Magic Window Puppet Theater**.



Awele Makeba • Feb. 4 • 10:30am

Celebrate Black History Month



West African Highlife Band • Feb. 11 • 9:30 pm

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people everywhere. It is also a time to reflect upon the daily struggle of Black people for cultural survival in the face of rising racism and growing economic inequities. La Peña celebrates Black History Month with the following programs:

Feb. 2: Poetry with the International Black Writers and Artists in the café.

Feb. 4: La Peña's children's program with **Awele Makeba**. In the evening, dance to great Afro-Cuban dance music of **Ritmo y Armonia**.

Feb. 5: A Celebration of African/Asian Unity with **Ben Luis** and the **World Express**

Feb. 9: The film, *Color of Fear* explores the pain and anguish of racism.

Feb. 11: The West African Highlife Band led by **Ken Okulolo** of **Kotoja** play joyful West African dance music.

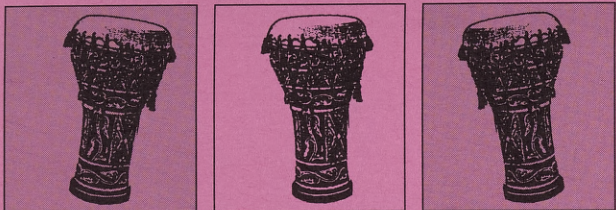
Feb. 12: Poetry with **Raymond Johnson Dance Co.** and friends.

Feb. 24: **Conjunto Céspedes** plays Afro-Cuban dance music.



Conjunto Céspedes • Feb. 24 • 9:30 pm

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



Haunted by Waters Fri. • Feb. 3 • 8 pm

Haunted by Waters plays what it terms “neo-pagan ethno-electro world music with a mid-Eastern/Celtic twist.” Irish-born vocalist/percussionist Cait McWhir joins D’Cückoo percussionist Tina Blaine, guitarist David Hannibal, drummer and multi-instrumentalist Gerry Bassermann, and bassist Greg Stone to create a new dimension contemporary music.

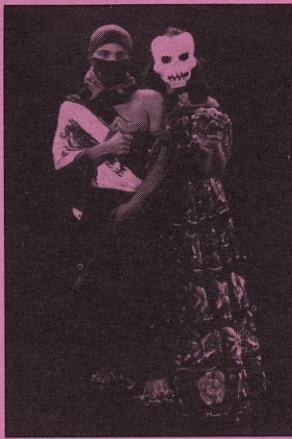
Jorge Torres • Wed. Feb. 8 • 8 pm

Since the '70s, Chilean poet, writer, singer, and theater director **Jorge Torres** has been interested in the contributions of popular music to literary culture in Latin America. In *Boleros*, Torres traces the history of the *bolero* through spoken word and song. The *bolero* is “sensual and tender” explains Torres, “with profoundly romantic lyrics; the *bolero* utilizes a form of poetry that is alive, that talks of love and of all its meanings.” The *bolero* is the folklore of the heart.



Rick Najera in “The Pain of the Macho” Fri. • Feb. 10 • 8 pm

Rick Najera is a multi-talented writer and performer. He founded the comedy group *Latinos Anonymous*, has been a script writer for *In Living Color* and *Culture Clash*, and has performed in numerous television shows and films including *Falcon Crest*, *General Hospital*, *Columbo*, *Little Nikita*, and *China Beach*, as well as on stage. In *The Pain of the Macho*, he explores the mechanics of Latino machismo with brilliant wit and unblinking honesty.



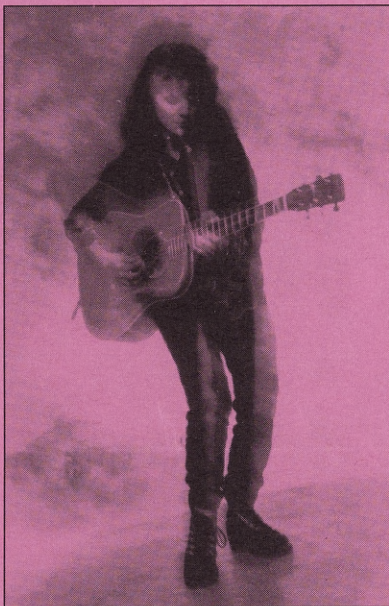
The Other Mexico: Global Culture vs. Hybridization

Fri. • Feb. 17 • 8 pm

Direct from Mexico **José Hugo Sánchez** and **Olga Margarita Dávila** premier this multimedia performance with live music, slides, theater and dance, which deals with the dreams and nightmares of a people in their search for a new Mexico. (a bilingual Program)

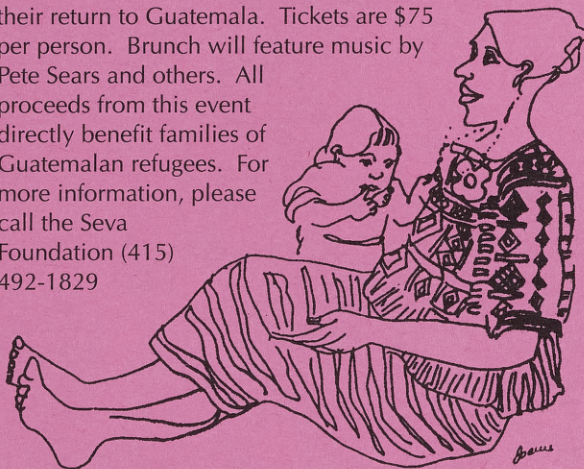
Jennifer Berezan Sat. • Feb. 18 8 pm

Jennifer will be accompanied by Nina Gerber, one of the Bay Area's finest blues and slide guitarists, Michaelle Goerlitz, a percussionist with Wild Mango, and Anthony Costello, a vocalist based in Davis who frequently accompanies Jennifer in her Bay Area performances.



Benefit Brunch for Mayan Refugees

On **Sunday, Feb. 26th, 11am-2pm**, Ram Dass and Wavy Gravy will be hosting an intimate brunch at Café de La Paz in Berkeley to benefit Mayan Refugees in their return to Guatemala. Tickets are \$75 per person. Brunch will feature music by Pete Sears and others. All proceeds from this event directly benefit families of Guatemalan refugees. For more information, please call the Seva Foundation (415) 492-1829



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT LA TIENDA

CRAFTS • cowrie earrings • bracelets • necklaces • Kenyan soapstone candlesticks • Afrocentric hats & stoles
BOOKS • *Carnival of the Spirit* by Luisah Teish, *Biography of a Runaway Slave* by Miguel Barnet, *Malcolm X on Afro-American History*, *No Longer At Ease* by Chinua Achebe, *Martin & Malcolm in America*, *Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King, Jr., *Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color*, *Fatheralong* by John Edgar Wideman, *Black Music and Two Worlds*, *Devil in a Blue Dress: An Easy Rawlins Mystery*, *I Heard It Through the Grapevine: Rumor in the African American Culture*, *Juba to Jive: Dictionary of African American Slang*
BOOKS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH • Junior Biographies of James Baldwin and Malcolm X, *Amazing Grace*, *Mchesi Goes on a Journey* (English/Swahili), *Who Belongs Here? – An American Story*, *Grandfather's Story*, *Misoso: Once Upon a Time Tales from Africa*

Help Save Our Building! La Peña needs to raise \$200,000 to seismically retrofit our building to meet current earthquake building codes or face closing!

We must reinforce our building according to new earthquake laws and make it safe for all who use it. The cost of the retrofit is an estimated \$200,000! **We must do this work or face closing down. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from individual donors.** To help us on our way to reaching our goal, the California Arts Council has awarded La Peña a Challenge Grant for up to \$25,000. This means that for every \$2 we receive in new or increased private donations, we will receive \$1 from the CAC. To receive the full \$25,000 grant, we must raise \$50,000 from new donors or donors who can increase their past contribution.

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Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples and points of view.

CLASS SCHEDULE AT LA PEÑA

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. This year the CAC has awarded a new grant to Jackeline Rago and Ray Davis to teach Afro-Venezuelan music to youth and adults. The CAC has also renewed grants for Guillermo Céspedes who will teach Afro-Cuban music and Gilberto Gutiérrez, to teach music and dance of the son jarocho of Veracruz, Mexico. We offer other music and dance classes for a fee. Enrollment is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call (510) 849-2568 Ext. 16 M - F 12 - 5 pm. (TS = Theater Space, CR = Community Room behind La Tienda)

MONDAYS

Afro-Cuban Youth Ensemble – Free (3:30 - 5:30 pm, TS) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

Afro-Cuban Adult Ensemble – Free (6:00 - 8:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro – Free (6:30 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro – Free (8:00 - 9:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

TUESDAYS

Children's class in Zapateado (6 - 9 yrs), Mexican folkloric dance – Free (4:00 - 5:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Beginning Adult Zapateado, Mexican folkloric dance from Veracruz. – Free (5:00 - 6:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Advanced Adult Zapateado – Free (6:00 - 7:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Mexican Son Jarocho Music Workshop, instruction in jarana, an 8 string guitar-like Mexican instrument – Free (7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Latin American Chorus – Free (8:00 - 10:00 pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes (the chorus sings in Spanish and English and needs basses and tenors)

WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion – Free (Bring congas, palitos, güiros, maracas – (5:30 - 7:30pm, CR) Instructor: Ray Davis

THURSDAYS

Introduction to Afro-Cuban Rhythms – Free (5:30 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

SATURDAYS

Salsa dance class with Deborah Ruby Rubenstein – \$6/class (2:00 - 3:00 pm beginning, TS) (3:00 - 4:00 pm intermediate, TS) (Attention: No salsa classes Feb. 12 & 19)

Bay Area Southern Africa Network Meeting

The Network meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm (CR)

Latina Writer's Group

Interested in forming a supportive group to share your poetry, prose, or work in progress to read and discuss in an informal setting? Call Rue at (510) 532-3117

Ad Space Available

La Peña's calendar reaches people who are concerned about global social justice issues and support diversity in all aspects of life. Ad space limited to not-for profit activities. Cost: \$30 column inch.

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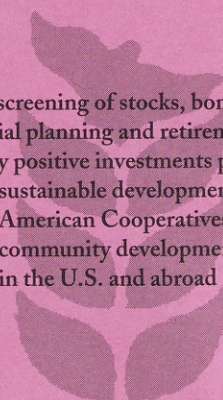
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